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AFP: IRAN 'DEFINITE' REPLY SENT TO ALGIERS

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(TEXT) TEHRAN, 15 JAN (AFP)--THE IRANIAN REPLY TO THE LATEST AMERICAN PROPOSALS CONCERNING THE LIBERATION OF THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES HERE WAS TRANSMITTED TODAY TO ALGIERS WHERE U.S. DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN CHRISTOPHER IS STANDING BY; INFORMED SOURCES SAID HERE.

THE AMERICAN PROPOSALS WERE BROUGHT HERE ON JANUARY 2 BY THE ALGERIAN OFFICIALS ACTING AS INTERMEDIARIES BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND TEHRAN.

THERE HAD BEEN SEVERAL RECENT EXCHANGES OF MESSAGES BETWEEN IRANIANS AND AMERICANS VIA ALGIERS PRIOR TO TODAY'S REPLY WHICH WAS DESCRIBED HERE AS DEFINITE.

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